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### **GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 32 JOBS IN WILSON COUNTY** ***\$60,000 One North Carolina Fund Grant Helps McMullen Inc. Open Facility***

**RALEIGH** - Gov. Mike Easley today announced that McMullen Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of McMullen Architectural Systems Ltd., makers of customized architectural aluminum glazing systems, will locate a new facility in Wilson County, creating 32 new jobs and **investing \$2.2 million** over the next three years. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$60,000 One North Carolina Fund grant.

"McMullen Inc.'s decision to open its first U.S. facility in Wilson is a win for the hard-working families of this area," Easley said. "Competing in the global economy requires a skilled workforce, excellent education system and solid infrastructure that international companies know they will find here in North Carolina."

McMullen Architectural Systems Ltd., headquartered near Belfast, Northern Ireland, specializes in the custom design, fabrication and installation of architectural aluminum glazing systems. The new facility in Wilson County will manufacture specialized blast-mitigation windows and glazed walls for high-rise buildings. While wages will vary, the expected average weekly wage of the new jobs is \$570 plus benefits, which is higher than the Wilson County average weekly wage of \$551, excluding benefits.

"The availability of a skilled labor force, coupled with a strong work ethic, was our primary consideration in choosing Wilson," said McMullen's U.S. General Manager, Doug Riley. "Wilson's central location on the eastern seaboard also facilitates convenient access to major commercial centers and ports so that we can best serve our customers both here in the U.S. as well as overseas."

The One North Carolina Fund assists the state in recruiting and expanding quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Through the use of this Fund, 17,000 jobs and \$2 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

Other partners who helped make this announcement possible include the N.C. Department of Commerce, Wilson Economic Development Council, Wilson County Properties Inc., Wilson County, the City of Wilson, Wilson On The Move and Wilson Technical Community College.

For more information about McMullen Inc. and employment opportunities, please visit its website at:  
[www.mcmulleninc.com](http://www.mcmulleninc.com).

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